

Are your designs, business innovations, and creative works protected?

HIS IS A CRITICAL QUESTION FOR MANY ABORICINAL enterpeneurs. We are moving increasingly into an information comony in which duplicating and accessing information has become very easy. There are ways to safeguard your business and creations and to protect your 'intellectual property', Many successful Aboriginal companies and individuals have taken steps in this direction to protect their axees, and their business from unificrented competition.

Arnold Asham has many years of

curling products. Asham Curling

Supplies' product line includes

brushes, slid-

mitts, grippers

and its own

brand name

ers, aloves,

There are over 20,000 businesses owned and operated by Aboriginal people in Canada, providing quality goods and services in every sector of our economy Many of these companies have recognized the importance of registering their intellectual property to achieve their business goals. This is especially important to people whose traditional and cultural identity are integral to their product or service. Examples include music,

their product or service.

Examples include music, clothing and jewelry designs. developed and patented several culing products distributed and sold worldwide.

Assongum a usunes canada has produced this pamphlet, in collaboration with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, to help you consideryour intellectual property needs and opportunities. We encourage you to read this material and to request further information.

The following is a brief description of the kinds of intellectual property that may apply to you and your business:

Patents

Patents offer you exclusive rights to your creations, such as new products, processes, and technologies. This is especially important if you have invested resources in research and development. Patents help to ensure that no one else can make, use, or sell your creations without permission, or without paying you appropriate royalites. Another benefit of patents is that they are public documents and promote the sharing of knowledge.

Copyrights

A copyright means that the owner is the only person who may copy his/her work or permit someone else to do so. You should consider how important this is if your products are books, maps, music, sculptures, paintings, photographs, films, and computer programs.

Trade-marks

Registering your trade-mark gives you exclusive rights to words, symbols and designs which distinguish your product or service from those of someone else. Make sure that no one already holds rights to a trade-mark you may want to use.

Marsha Smoke -

Pash Travel owner Marsha Smoke is proud of the artistdesigned logo for her travel and tourism business. "The process to register the Pash Travel

trade-mark in Canada and internationally

took time.

commitment and money," she admits," but I considered it an important requirement of doing business. I believe that more Aboriginal people should be careful to protect their works — especially those which honour

Industrial Designs

An industrial design registration protects the original design, including the shape, configuration, pattern and ornament of a finished article. Jewelry is an example of an industrial design.

Integrated Circuit Topographies

An integrated circuit topography registration provides protection for an original circuit design, like micro-chips.

Plant Breeders' Rights

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency administers the process which confers exclusive rights to varieties of plant species.

[Telephone: (613) 225-2342 or Fax. (613) 228-6629.]

How can I find out more?

Within Industry Canada, the Government of Canada has dedicated specific resources to assist innovators, researchers and entrepreneurs in protecting their intellectual property. This work is carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO).

CIPO also maintains extensive databases on registered intellectual property rights containing important business information. These databases provide a valuable resource for the sharing and shaping of innovative ideas. This office and its network of specialists can help you learn more about a range of intellectual property issues.

For more information please contact the Canadian Intellectual Property Office at (819) 997-1936 or by Fax: (819) 953-7620 or via E-mail: cipo.contact@ic.gc.ca



Access information via the Internet: Visit CIPO's Web site [http://info.ic.gc.ca/opengov/cipo] and Industry Canada's **Strategis**, the world's largest business Web site [http://strategis.ic.gc.ca].

From these Web sites you can access intellectual property information and guides, including the Canadian Patent Database which provides information on existing patents.

INTELLECTUS is your discovery package for important information on patents, trade-marks, copyrights, industrial designs, and integrated circuit topographies. Download a free copy of INTELLECTUS from the CIPO Web site, or contact CIPO for a free diskette

REY OWL MARKETING LTD.

This company is owned by the 72 First Nations in Saskatchewan. Grey Owl Marketing Ltd. is a leader in merchandising and selling high quality, natural wild rice food products to international markets. Grey Owl's general

markets. Grey
Owl's general
manager advises that "If your
design is used
by others, your

rights are not protected. The effort you make to register your logo or to secure a trade-mark saves you a fortune down the road."

Building on Success for the Future Aboriginal Business Canada



provides a range of services. ENTREPRISE AUTOCOTIVES CANADA support and information products to promote the growth and development of Aboriginal businesses in Canada. The program is available to Canadian status and non-status Indians, Inuit and Métis individuals, associations, partnerships or other legal entities that are wholly or partly owned or controlled by Aboriginal people, on- or off-reserve. Special priority is placed on initiatives which involve trade and market expansion. Aboriginal dourism, innovation/technology enhancement, and

As part of Aboriginal Business Canada's support, financial assistance is available towards the costs of innovation projects and for registering intellectual

Visit our Web site [http://abc.gc.ca] or through Strategis [http://strategis.ic.gc.ca].

Or call (613) 954-4064 for program information and referral to the office nearest you.





Abenaki Associates Inc. provides a range of computer and training senices to communities and organizations to help them manage housing, finance and other requirements. The company is the award-winning software developer of the 'Abenaki Housing Inventory Management Module'. President Percy Barnaby cautions," If it is very important to copyright such products".

© Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada 199 Cat. No. C2-323/1997 ISBN 0-662-62965-5





ENTREPRISE AUTOCHTONE CANADA

ABORIGINAL BUSINESS CANADA

Vos dessins, vos œuvres de création et vos innovations sont-ils protégés?

Dans une économie de Plus en Plus axée sur l'Information ou de la reproduire, il s'aou là d'une question cruciale pour de nombreux entrepreneurs non autorisée.

Asham Curling

Supplies vend

des balais, des

glisseurs, des

gants, des mi-

taines, des cram-

souliers portant son nom. M. Asham

a lui-même concu et fait breveter

plusieurs accessoires de curling qui

sont distribués et vendus partout

gamme de

dans le monde.

20 000 entreprises autochlones offrant des biens et des services de qualité dans tous les secteurs de l'économie. Bon nombre de d'atteindre leurs objectifs commerciaux. Cette mesure est parceux qui offrent des produits et

Entreprise autochtone Canada a collaboration avec l'Office de la

vétements et les bijoux.

besoins en matière de propriété intellectuelle ainsi que les possibilités plus amples renseignements sur votre domaine d'intérêt.

Brevets

ations, qu'il s'agisse de nouveaux produits, procédés ou technologies. Les brevets revêtent une importance capitale pour les entreprises qui mettent de s'assurer que personne ne peut reproduire ou vendre une requis de redevances. Les brevets sont un moyen important de diffuser les connaissances, puisque les documents de demande sont rendus publics un certain temps après avoir été déposés.

MARSHA SMOKE -

Marsha Smoke, propriétaire de

Pash Travel, est fière du logo

créé par un artiste pour son entre-

d'argent et d'énergie, mais à mes

que les gens d'affaires autoch-

traditions - devraient s'assurer da-

vantage de protéger leurs œuvres. »

prise de tourisme et de voyage.

de commerce

au Canada et

dans le monde

Droits d'auteur Les droits d'auteur garantissent

que seul le propriétaire peut reproduire son œuvre ou permet-Ils sont particulièrement importants lorsqu'il s'agit de livres, de cartes géographiques, de musique de sculptures, de peintures, de programmes informatiques.

Marques de commerce

de commerce vous donne des droits exclusifs sur des mots, des symboles et des dessins qui distinguent vos produits ou vos services de ceux de quelqu'un assurer que personne n'a enregistré une marque de commerce que demandé l'enregistrement

Dessins industriels

tamment la forme, la configuration, le motif ou l'ornementation d'un produit fini. Les bijoux sont un exemple de dessin industriel.

Topographies de circuits intégrés

L'enregistrement d'une topographie permet de protéger la configuration originale des circuits, par exemple les microplaquettes.

Protection des obtentions végétales

L'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments administre le processus qui confère des droits exclusifs sur une variété d'espèces végétales. {Téléphone : [613] 225-2342; télécopieur : [613] 228-6629.)

Renseignements additionnels

Le gouvernement du Canada a alloué des ressources à Industrie Canada afin d'aider les inventeurs, les chercheurs et les gens d'affaires à protéger

priété intellectuelle enregistrée qui renferment de l'information com-

communiquer avec l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada, par téléphone au

Pour accéder à l'information au moyen d'Internet, visitez le site Web de l'OPIC à l'adresse http://info.ic.gc.ca/opengov/cipo et le site Strategis

Base de données sur les brevets canadiens, qui ren-

INTELLECTUS est un outil de déconvertes contenant une mine de renseignements importants sur les brevets, les marques de On peut en télécharger une copie à partir du site Web de

de la Saskatchewan, Grev Owi Marketing Ltd. est un chef de file dans le marchandisage et la marchés internationaux.

vos dessins, alors vos droits ne sont pas protégés. Le temps que yous logo ou votre marque de comune petite fortune à long terme. »

Succès du présent, fondements de l'avenir

de Strategis à l'adresse

http://strategis.ic.ec.ca.

sur le programme ou pour



qui appartiennent en tout ou en partie à des Autochtones, à l'intérieur

PERCY BARNABY -

ABENAKI ASSOCIATES INC.



Abenaki Associates Inc. offre

qu'« il est très important de protéger

